(c) and (d) Government is not aware of training details of U.S.A. and China. However, in India, various training programmes are organized by Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) to prepare ex-servicemen for employment on the civil side.

Expiry of lease period of Annadel ground, Shimla

†2607. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lease period of Annadel ground at Shimla, which was leased out to the Ministry of Defence (military) by Shimla Municipal Corporation, has expired;

(b) whether the Ministry of Defence has received any request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and Shimla Municipal Corporation regarding handing over the said ground back to them; and

(c) if so, by when the Ministry of Defence is returning the said ground to the authorities of Shimla?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The land has been with the Army on hire/lease, the period of which has expired. However, as the land is required for the use of Army, the matter has been taken up with the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for further retention of the land with the Army.

Leakage of secret documents

2608. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have admitted that leakage of secret defence documents are a common matter in the Ministry of Defence; (War Room)

(b) if so, how many such cases have taken place in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how far such leakage have adversely affected the defence services of the country;

(d) the reasons for not taking proper and prompt action for the protection and safety of such secret defence documents;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) the time taken by Defence Intelligence to locate this matter; and

(f) how far secret officers and intelligence each is responsible in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b)	Year	Number of cases
	2003	Nil
	2004	Nil
	2005	2

(c) and (d) Once a leakage of classified information is detected, immediate remedial action is taken to ensure that it does not have any adverse effect on the security set up of the country. Detailed instructions exist for ensuring safety of the classified documents. These are reviewed and updated from time to time. Stern action is taken against personnel who are found to be involved in leakage of classified information.

(e) and (f) Defence Intelligence Agencies are structured and tasked along with civilian agencies for detection of such cases. The Counter Intelligence Units are responsible for prevention, detection and neutralization of hostile intelligence agencies and espionage efforts.

Expenses incurred in joint fighter exercises

2609. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the Indian Air Force to reduce the number of joint fighter exercises with foreign countries due to the high expenses involved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total of joint fighter exercises carried out during the year 2005-2006; and

(d) the details of expenses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.